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S. C. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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August 25, 2008

South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210

Re:

Duke Energy Corporation Consumer Rate Charge

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised that this law firm represents U.S. Corrugated, Inc., a large consumer of electricity supplied by Duke Energy. In fact, U. S. Corrugated anticipates that it will pay Duke Energy approximately \$8 million dollars this calendar year.

As a large consumer, U.S. Corrugated request that Duke Energy's profit be reduced by one (1%) percent for 2009 – 2010.

U.S. Corrugated has received notice that an Agreement has been reached to permit Duke Energy to increase its rates, which U.S. Corrugated strongly opposes. The proposed 11% increase in rates to 2.2415 is excessive and uncalled for when you consider that Duke Energy will have the Catawba plant on line soon.

Please advise if U.S. Corrugated is permitted to file a formal protest to the proposed rate increase outline above and to request that Duke Energy's profit margin be reduced 1%, and if so what is the time period for such a filing.

By a copy of this letter to the Office of the Regulatory Staff, I am notifying them of my client's position in this matter and of our request for a 1% profit reduction for Duke Energy. I believe that North Carolina has reduced Duke Energy's profit by 1%. That alone would lead to lower rates for every South Carolina resident and business in the Duke Energy area.

Also please advise if a docket number has been assigned to this matter. With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Duke K. McCall, Jr.

cc: Legal Department

South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff

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